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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR
Writ Petition No. 723 of 2001

PETITIONER : Shanti Lal aged about 38 years son of Shri Hajarimal Rathi, resident of Near Jain Mandir, Mahasamund, District Mahasamund.

VERSUS

RESPONDENTS :
1. The State of Chhattisgarh through the Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Department, Raipur.
2. Collector, Mahasamund.
3. Food Controller, Mahasamund.
4. Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Mahasamund.

(WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 226/227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)

(SB: Hon'ble Mr. Satish K. Agnihotri, J.)

Present : Shri Sunil Sahu, Advocate for the petitioner.
Shri S.K. Mishra, Panel Lawyer for the State/respondent No. 1 to3.

ORAL ORDER
(Passed on this 21st of November, 2007)

1. By this petition, the petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to start the supply of Kerosene Oil, as he was getting earlier.
2. According to the petitioner, the supply of Kerosene Oil was stopped by order dated 06.07.1992. The petitioner has not taken any steps for long period of nine years. The petitioner has not explained the reasons for such an inordinate delay. It is well settled principal of law that the petitioner does not deserve any relief if he approaches the Court after inordinate and unexplained long delay being tardy and indolent.
3. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents strongly oppose this petition on the ground of latches and delay of nine years.
4. The petitioner has failed to explain the reasons for an inordinate delay of nine years. Consequently, this petition is dismissed as not maintainable. No order asto cost.
5. M(W)P 3156/2003, application for grant of appropriate stay, stands disposed of.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

Sahu